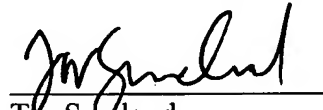


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-27 have been amended to remove multiple dependency and to correct minor typographical errors and to make changes in claim format. New claim 28 has been added. Support for new claim 28 can be found in the international application as filed, for example, at claim 19. The amendments and the new claim add no new matter. Entry of this amendment prior to the calculation of claim fees is respectfully requested.

No fee other than the authorized charge to our deposit account for the filing fee is believed to be required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any further fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 11-0171.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tor Smeland', is written over a horizontal line.

Tor Smeland  
Registration No.: 43,131  
Attorney for Applicant

Kalow & Springut LLP  
Telephone No.: (212) 813-1600